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SUBJECT: BELGIAN CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL OF IAEA TO
BE ANNOUNCED

Classified By: Political Economic Counselor Richard Eason, reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

¶1. (C) On April 24, Werner Bauwens, Belgian Special Envoy for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, informed Poloff unofficially that Belgium will soon put forward the name of Jean-Pol Poncelet as a candidate to succeed Mohamed El-Baradei as Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

¶2. (C) Poncelet is a former Minister of Defense (1995-99) and Minister of Energy (1998-99) of Belgium and is currently reputed to be Director for Sustainable Development and Continued Progress at AREVA, the French nuclear technology company.

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